**2020 Mourou/Strickland Mobility Program**

**Guidelines**

(*également disponible en français*)

1. **Presentation**

Created by the Embassy of France in Canada in 2018, the Mourou/Strickland program is a two-way mobility program; its main goal is to contribute to the creation of sustainable collaborations between Canadian and French researchers. It is intended for researchers who wish to spend 3 to 28 days with their counterpart(s), either in France or Canada, as part of a joint research project.

This program is open to all research areas. It involves all provinces of Canada **outside Quebec**, since Quebec already has specific programs with France.

Research stays may include, but are not limited to: meetings/research on joint project, meetings for a first contact for future collaboration, work on co-publications, participation in French-Canadian (not international) conferences or seminars, etc.

The program offers:

* 1 round trip economy class flight between Canada and France or between France and Canada
* A contribution to subsistence expenses (maximum 3 daily allowances).
1. **Eligibility and application process**

*Eligibility criteria :*

* Researchers who have obtained a tenure-track or permanent position for **less than 10 years**, which corresponds approximately and not exclusively to the 35-45 age group.

French candidates: Be attached to an institute, laboratory, university or research organization based in France.

Canadian candidates: be attached to a Canadian institution, university or research organization **outside Quebec** (Quebec already has specific programs with France).

* Candidates have never received a grant under the Mourou/Strickland mobility program or the "new collaborations" program of the France Canada Research Fund.
* Candidates should not apply for the "new collaborations" program of the France Canada Research Fund in the same year.

Plan a stay of between **3 and 28 days**. Travel must take place **before December 31st, 2020**.

*Application process:*

* Interested researchers should send the application form, a letter of invitation from the host institution and a short CV **in a single PDF document** to :

**assistant.science@ambafrance-ca.org**

+1 (613)-562-3794

* The length of the form should **not exceed 4 pages**. Forms longer than 4 pages will not be considered. There are no criteria for the font (please make sure it remains legible).
* It is not necessary to attach publications to the application.
* Only one application per research partnership is allowed (researchers must agree to submit only one application, either for a member of the French team to travel to Canada or for a Canadian collaborator to travel to France).
1. **Calendar of the 2020 call for applications**
* Opening of the call for projects : September 9th, 2019
* Deadline for receipt of applications : **November 29th , 2019, 23:59 PST (Canada)**
* Results and sending of travel forms to the successful candidates: 31 January 2020.
* Travel of the laureates: from mid-April to 31st of December 2020. Complete travel documents must be sent to the Embassy at least 1 month before the departure date.

*Please note that only successful candidates will be contacted. Candidates who have not been selected will be able to ask for feedback if they wish.*

**IMPORTANT : The Embassy will not cover the costs of the visa procedures for laureates.**

1. **Frequently asked questions**
* *I am a post-doctoral fellow, am I eligible for the program?*

No. Only researchers who have been in a tenure-track or permanent position for less than 10 years may submit an application.

* *I would like to take a sabbatical year, can I benefit from the program?*

Yes, provided that the researcher is attached to a research institution. However, the total duration of the stay in the host country must not exceed 28 days.

* *I live in Canada/France but I am a national of a third country, can I apply?*

Yes, there is no nationality requirement. However, the candidate must be attached to an institution / research institute located in France or Canada.

* *Are candidates living in French overseas departments and territories eligible?*

*Yes*.

* *Can I get more than 3 daily allowances for stays longer than 3 days?*

The duration of the research stay is at the discretion of the researchers. It must not exceed 28 days. However, the Embassy will only provide a maximum of 3 daily allowances, regardless of the length of the stay.

* *What is a daily allowance?*

A daily allowance (or per diem) is a fixed amount of money made available to researchers to help them support their local expenses (accommodation, internal travel in the host country, meals).

* *Can I buy my own flight ticket?*

No, tickets must be purchased through the French Embassy. Refund of flight tickets is not possible.

* *Who books my accommodation on site?*

Researchers are responsible for booking their accommodation on site.

* *I would like to travel with my family, is it possible?*

The Mourou/Strickland program will not cover the travel of the accompanying family. The structure of the program does not allow for a single reservation to be made that would include the flights of the laureate and his or her accompanying family.